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SUBJECT: FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FORESEES PASSAGE OF
"UNFRIENDLY" KOREAN RESOLUTION

1. INFLUENTIAL ALTHING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR-
MAN THORARINN THORARINSSON SAYS PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION
IN UNGA IS LIKELY TO PASS THIS YEAR AS RESULT OF KIM IL-
SUNG'S PERSONAL CAMPAIGN FOR SUPPORT. IN LENGTHY ANALYSIS
JUNE 20 IN PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S DAILY TIMINN, THORARINSSON
TERMS KOREAN ISSUE "ONE OF MOST HOTLY DISPUTED" OF UP-
COMING UNGA AND SAID RESULT COULD GO EITHER WAY. ON
BALANCE, HOWEVER, HE WROTE, "IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT KIM'S
(RECENT) TRIPS WILL RESULT IN ADOPTION BY COMMITTEE
AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY" OF MEASURE CALLING FOR REMOVAL OF
UN SPONSORED FORCES FROM KOREA. NOTING THAT SUCH
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VOTE WOULD NOT BE BINDING, THORARINSSON SAYS IT WOULD

NONETHELESS SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN NORTH KOREA'S HAND
AND ADD TO US WORRIES OVER PENINSULA.

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2. COMMENT: AS PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S RESIDENT EXPERT IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THORARINSSON WIELDS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON FELLOW PROGRESSIVE FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON WHEN GOI IS FACED WITH VOTES ON KOREAN QUESTION. THORARINSSON HAS GENERALLY SIDED AGAINST USG ON ALL MATTERS CONCERNING SOUTH EAST ASIA BECAUSE OF HIS STRONG OPPOSITION TO US INVOLVEMENT IN INDO-CHINA. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DISCERN ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AS A RESULT OF EVENTS IN THAT AREA OF LAST FEW MONTHS. HIS ARTICLE, THEREFORE, IS PROBABLY A TIP-OFF ON HIS OWN POSITION AND ON THE DIRECTION HE WILL TRY TO INFLUENCE ICELAND'S VOTE. IT IS NOT TOO EARLY FOR USUN TO DISCUSS KOREAN ISSUE WITH ICELAND'S UN REP INGVARSSON. LATTER CARRIES PERSONAL WEIGHT WITH FONMIN AGUSTSSON. HE WILL IN TURN BE ABLE TO BUTRESS OUR EFFORTS WITH MFA LOCALLY.

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